Graffiti : Facts & Tagging Prevention

REPORT

GRAFFITI IN PROGRESS:
Call 911
-or- 828-252-1110 (Non-Emergency APD)

FILE A REPORT:
Call 828-252-1110 for all incidents.
Include location and picture if available.

GRAFFITI ON CITY PROPERTY:
Report: via the Asheville App
Download at: www.ashevillenc.gov

Removal:
Public Works Department
828-259-5852

Neighborhood Coordinator
828-259-5506

MORE WAYS TO REPORT GRAFFITI:
APD Crime Prevention Officer
828-259-5834

CrimeStoppers
828-255-5050

Prevent the Spread of Graffiti.

- Graffiti sends the signal that nobody cares, attracting other forms of crime to the neighborhood.
- Graffiti decreases a resident's feeling of safety. Neighborhoods with graffiti see a decrease in property values and loss of business growth and tourism.
- Graffiti drains tax dollars. Funds that could be used for roads, parks, and other community improvements, are used instead for graffiti clean up.

Report Graffiti Incidents.

- It shows the perpetrators that the community will not tolerate this type of vandalism.
- It helps law enforcement officers gather information to identify perpetrators. The Asheville Police Department enters the information into a database to assist with the allocation of prevention and enforcement activities.
- Law Enforcement officers use collected information to determine potential targets.

Remove Graffiti Promptly.

- Prompt removal of graffiti discourages recurrence of vandalism.
- It maintains the image of Asheville as a safe and beautiful City of Asheville.
- Graffiti vandals believe their actions harm no one. Quick removal sends the message that graffiti is vandalism and damages property.

Action to Take if Property or Business is Tagged.

- Report it using the information shared in this fact sheet.
- Remove it as quickly as possible.
- Please note that the City of Asheville is currently working with community partners to identify resources to help private property and business owners remove graffiti on private property.

PREVENT

▶ Provide ongoing upkeep and remove graffiti immediately.

▶ Control access with vegetation, barriers, and lighting.

▶ Move dumpsters away from walls and cover drainpipes to prevent climbing.

▶ Step up security by removing hiding places and improving lighting around targets.

▶ Organize a neighborhood watch.

▶ Install a mural on a wall that is tagged often.

To learn more, visit the Graffiti Hurts web site at www.graffitihurts.org